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- Response to examiner's claim amendment proposal

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To: Examiner Dmitri Levitan
From: Henry GrothRegarding:
Patent Application No. 09/820,477
Title: Data Packet Congestion Management Technique
Inventor: Jessie Sandoval
Docket No. 99-413Response to examiner's claim amendment proposal

Dear Examiner Levitan:

Per our discussion earlier today, please consider the following proposed amendment to claim 1 in the above-referenced application.

Claim 1:

A circuit comprising:

a buffer for storing a plurality of data packets; and
a test circuit configured to: (i) monitor a number of said plurality of data packets in said buffer, (ii) receive an additional data packet to said plurality of data packets, (iii) store said additional data packet into said buffer responsive to said number being less than a first threshold, (iv) discard said additional data packet in accordance with a probabilistic test responsive to said number being greater than said first threshold, and (v) presenting an identification signal to a sender of said additional data packet, indicating that said additional data packet as was discarded and can be resent.

Support for this amendment in the detailed description can be found at page 13, lines 4-6 of the originally submitted patent application.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience if further discussion of this proposed amendment is needed.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Groth", written over a horizontal line.

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